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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

**PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT
DEPARTMENT
(VIG.I)**

ALLEGATIONS OF CORRUPTION AND MISAPPROPRIATION OF EAS FUNDS IN TRIBAL WELFARE DIVISION, RAMPACHODAVARAM, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT IN EXECUTION OF CD WORKS ON ROAD FROM AM KOTA TO PATHAKOTA - DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS INITIATED AGAINST Sri N.ARUNKUMAR, FORMER ASSISTANT ENGINEER, PR, RAMPACHODAVARAM, EAST GODAVARI DISTRICT - ENQUIRY CONDUCTED - CHARGES ARE PROVED - DISMISSAL FROM SERVICE.

[G.O.Ms.No. 120, Panchayat raj and Rural Development (Vig.I), Dated 26th July, 2019]

Read the following :

1. Govt. Memo No. 13052/Est.I(1)/98-5, Dt: 25.5.98.
2. From Sri N.Arun Kumar, AEE (u/s), WSD, Dt: 7.8.98.
3. G.O.Rt.No.1086, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dated: 11.07.2008.
4. G.O.Rt.No.1356, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dated: 19.09.2009.
5. G.O.Rt.No. 1825, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dated: 30.11.2010.
6. G.O.Rt. No. 451 PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dated: 17-03-2012.
7. G.O.Rt.No. 1910, PR&RD (Vig.II) Deptt., Dt: 25.10.2013.
8. G.O.Rt.No. 149, PR&RD (Vig.II) Deptt., Dt: 30.1.2013.

9. G.O.Rt.No.998, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., Dt: 14.11.2014.
10. From GA (COI.KSR) Deptt., D.O.Lr.No. 18/COI.KSR/2015, Dt: 15.11.2017.
11. Govt. Memo. No. 2056/Vig.I/2005, PR&RD (Vig.I) Deptt., Dt: 22.02.2018.
12. From ENC, PR, AP, Vijayawada, Lr.No.Vig.II/11416/98, Dt: 18.07.2018.
13. G.O.Ms.No. 153, PR&RD(Vig.I) Department, Dt: 15.12.2014.

Charges were framed against Sri N.Arun Kumar, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District, in respect of allegations of corruption and misappropriation of EAS funds in Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District in execution of CD Works on road from AM Kota to Pathakota, vide reference 1st read above. Charged officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence, in the reference 2nd read above.

After examining the written statement of defence submitted by the Charged Officer, Government appointed Dr. Prasanta Mahapatra, IAS, Commissioner of Inquiries, General Administration Department, as Enquiry Officer, under Rule 20(2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (CC&A) Rules, 1991, to conduct departmental enquiry against Sri N.Arun Kumar, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District, vide reference 3rd read above. Further, the case was re-assigned to Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, Joint Secretary to Governor (Retired) COI, GA (COI.KSR) Department, AP Secretariat as Inquiry Officer, vide reference 9th read above.

In the reference 10th read above, Sri K.Sahadeva Reddy, Joint Secretary to Governor (Retired) COI, GA (COI.KSR) Department & Enquiry officer has submitted Enquiry report. The Enquiry officer, in his report, has submitted that Article of Charge-I & Charge-II framed against the Sri N.Arun Kumar, former Assistant Engineer (Dismissed from service), East Godavari District are held proved.

A copy of inquiry report was communicated to Sri N.Arun Kumar, former AE, for submitting his representation, vide reference 11th read above.

In the reference 12th read above, Engineer in Chief, Panchayat Raj, submitted that their office communicate the inquiry report to the CO through SE-, PR, Kakinada. But the same is not served due to his non availability in Rampachodavaram and the charged officer is not traced out and whereabouts are not known. He has further submitted that while enclosing the copy of inquiry report in respect of Sri N.Arun Kumar, AE, East Godavari District (dismissed from service), the Commissioner, printing and Stationary was requested to publish the same in A.P. Extraordinary Gazette. Accordingly, Enquiry Report has been published in extraordinary gazette Part VII on 17.07.2018.

Government, after careful examination of the matter, have decided to impose a penalty of dismissal from Government Service on Sri N.Arun Kumar, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District (dismissed from service) besides recovery of Rs.12,75,418/- from him which was misappropriated by him, in respect of allegations of corruption and misappropriation of EAS funds in Tribal Welfare Division, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District in execution of CD Works on road from AM Kota to Pathakota.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 9(x) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991, Government hereby dismiss Sri N.Arun Kumar, former Assistant Engineer, PR, Rampachodavaram, East Godavari District, from Government service besides recovery of Rs.12,75,418/- from him which was misappropriated by him.

The above penalty orders could not be implemented immediately in view of the fact that the Charged Officer i.e., Sri N.Arun Kumar, AEE, East Godavari Dist, was already dismissed from Government Service in other disciplinary case, vide reference 13th read above and implementation of penalty is subject to outcome of the appeals filed before appropriate Courts by the Charged Officer against the orders of his conviction and consequential dismissal.

The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action accordingly.

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI,

Principal Secretary to Government (PR&RD).

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